

DEDICATION

We often take for granted many of the items that make Alton the quality Town that it is. These items are real; they make a difference; and they have a common characteristic: They all depend on volunteers.

Magically the gazebos appear decked out for the season. Town buildings are decorated for the Holidays. The winter airstrip on the bay suddenly appears. Spring clean-up crews are seen along the roads. Summer team sports are organized. A plan to restore the Town beach is drafted. A videotape of a Town activity appears on public access TV. Fundraisers are organized for library and safety departments. A food pantry is open. Exhibits are displayed in the Town Hall. A book discussion group is organized. Plans for a new park take on a reality as a restored caboose is lifted into place. Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas gifts are delivered to the needy. A history of Town veterans is complete.

We are sure that each of you can think of many other such items in addition to the above brief examples. In one case we cite the contributions by a group of volunteers, whose journalistic achievements provided our Town with many years of "Main Street" publications.

To all of Alton's volunteers, past and present, we say thank you and to you we dedicate this Town Report.

Alton Board of Selectmen